

22-503. TEXT OF COMPACT.

ARTICLE I

FINDINGS AND PURPOSES

(A) THE PARTY STATES FIND THAT:

(1) ACCIDENTS AND DEATHS ON THEIR STREETS AND HIGHWAYS PRESENT A VERY SERIOUS HUMAN AND ECONOMIC PROBLEM WITH A MAJOR DELETERIOUS EFFECT ON THE PUBLIC WELFARE.

(2) THERE IS A VITAL NEED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF GREATER INTERJURISDICTIONAL COOPERATION TO ACHIEVE THE NECESSARY UNIFORMITY IN THE LAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS AND CODES RELATING TO VEHICLE EQUIPMENT, AND TO ACCOMPLISH THIS BY SUCH MEANS AS WILL MINIMIZE THE TIME BETWEEN THE DEVELOPMENT OF DEMONSTRABLY AND SCIENTIFICALLY SOUND SAFETY FEATURES AND THEIR INCORPORATION INTO VEHICLES.

(B) THE PURPOSES OF THIS COMPACT ARE TO:

(1) PROMOTE UNIFORMITY IN REGULATION OF AND STANDARDS FOR EQUIPMENT.

(2) SECURE UNIFORMITY OF LAW AND ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICE IN VEHICULAR REGULATION AND RELATED SAFETY STANDARDS TO PERMIT INCORPORATION OF DESIRABLE EQUIPMENT CHANGES IN VEHICLES IN THE INTEREST OF GREATER TRAFFIC SAFETY.

(3) TO PROVIDE MEANS FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT AND UTILIZATION OF RESEARCH WHICH WILL FACILITATE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE FOREGOING PURPOSES, WITH DUE REGARD FOR THE FINDINGS SET FORTH IN SUBDIVISION (A) OF THIS ARTICLE.

(C) IT IS THE INTENT OF THIS COMPACT TO EMPHASIZE PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS AND NOT TO DETERMINE THE SPECIFIC DETAIL OF ENGINEERING IN THE MANUFACTURE OF VEHICLES OR EQUIPMENT EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY FOR THE MEETING OF SUCH PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS.

ARTICLE II

DEFINITIONS

AS USED IN THIS COMPACT:

(1) "VEHICLE" MEANS EVERY DEVICE IN, UPON OR BY WHICH ANY PERSON OR PROPERTY IS OR MAY BE TRANSPORTED OR DRAWN UPON A HIGHWAY, EXCEPTING DEVICES MOVED BY HUMAN POWER OR USED EXCLUSIVELY UPON STATIONARY RAILS OR TRACKS.

(2) "STATE" MEANS A STATE, TERRITORY OR POSSESSION OF THE UNITED STATES, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, OR THE